



**APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT
DECLARATION * POWER OF ATTORNEY * PETITION**

AS A BELOW-NAMED INVENTOR, I/WE hereby declare that:

MY/OUR RESIDENCE, citizenship, and post office address are as stated below, next to my/our name.

I/WE BELIEVE I am/we are the original, first and joint inventor(s), of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which, with any Preliminary Amendment, was filed as United States Application Serial No. 09/731,349 on December 6, 2000.

I/WE HEREBY STATE that I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specifications including the claims, as amended by any Amendment(s) referred to above.

I/WE ACKNOWLEDGE the Duty to Disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I/We hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent, United States provisional application(s), or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent, United States provisional application, or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

			<u>Priority Claimed</u>
60/169,856	USA	December 9, 1999	Yes
60/181,635	USA	February 10, 2000	Yes
60/202,269	USA	May 5, 2000	Yes
(Serial No.)	(Country)	(Date Filed)	(Yes/No)

I/We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me/us to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, which becomes available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

			<u>Priority Claimed</u>
(Serial No.)	(Country)	(Date Filed)	(Yes/No)

I/We hereby appoint the following as my/our attorney(s) and/or agent(s) of record with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this Application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

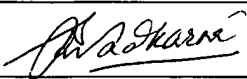
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WHEREFORE, I/WE PRAY that Letters Patent be granted to me/us solely or jointly with the additional inventor(s) named below for the invention described and claimed in the above-identified specification and claims, and I/we hereby subscribe my/our name to the above-identified specification and claims, Declaration, Power of Attorney and this Petition.

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